

SOME EXTENSIONS OF LOCAL RANGES. — The Report on the Flora of the Boston District, RHODORA ix. 85, May (1907), makes no mention of the occurrence in this section of *Dicksonia punctilobula* (Michx.) Gray, forma *cristata* (Maxon) Clute. I am, therefore, glad to state that it was collected in Sherborn, Mass., August 3, 1912. It was found growing with an abundance of the type near the edge of rocky, deciduous woods. A frond was placed with the Boston Society of Natural History as No. 1138 of the Flora of Sherborn, Mass.

The same report characterizes *Onoclea Struthiopteris* (L.) Hoffm. as "rare; not reported from south of Boston." The fact that this species was collected in Sherborn December 15, 16, 1912, may be of interest. The station was rather large, there being certainly thirty or more crowns which were growing on a rocky hill at the side of a shady cart-road which gives access to the orchards, woodlots, and pastures which border it. Of course at the time of collection the sterile leaves were dry and brown; but several mature fertile fronds were gathered and sent to the Gray Herbarium and to the Boston Society where they are numbered 1199 of the Flora of Sherborn.

Another interesting collection, July 16, 1911, was that of *Sagittaria graminea* Michx. on the shore of Farm Pond. Material sent to the Boston Society was identified by Dr. J. A. Cushman. This species is mentioned in RHODORA xii. 4, January (1910), as being reported from "scattered stations in northern half of district." The finding it at Sherborn, therefore, seems to show an extension of range.— MARTHA LOUISE LOOMIS, Sherborn, Massachusetts.

ALNUS CRISPA (Ait.) Pursh, var. **mollis** (Fernald), n. comb. *A. mollis* Fernald, RHODORA, vi. 162 (1904). Extended experiences in the field in New England, eastern Canada and Newfoundland during the past decade have convinced the writer that, although a well pronounced pubescent extreme of less boreal range than true *A. crispa*, *A. mollis* cannot be kept apart from the older species on any absolute characters and is better treated as a variety.— M. L. FERNALD, Gray Herbarium.

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